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# THEN & NOW!

By Frances H. Paulette
PART 2

## "Watermelon Man, Ballet Dancer, Author"

**The Pamplin Pipe Factory NOW**; someday soon a combination Museum-Auction Barn.

Raymond Carl Dickerson, a son of Clyde Raymond and Katherine Baker Dickerson, really enjoyed his years as a student at Prospect Grade School and at Farmville High School. I really can't say, (for sure, that is), just how much he enjoyed studying but I have a very strong feeling that he excelled in all of the extra-curricular activities! He was famous as a big tease and could always be found --- getting into mischief!

When Raymond was a junior in high school he decided to join the Mongram Club. In those days an initiation sometimes required that incoming members of the club do strange things as a part of the initiation ceremony.

Raymond, who now weighs in at two hundred and fifty pounds, stands six feet tall, and looks like a professional wrestler, had to dress up in the frilly costume of a ballet dancer and do a dance for his classmates!

No doubt his classmates were convulsed with laughter but that wasn't all of his initiation, no sir! Raymond, while still attired in the dance costume, had to go outside and roll an egg (fresh, not hard cooked!) down the sidewalk for fifty yards without breaking it! Just picture, if you please, the look of astonishment of the faces of people passing by as they watched Raymond, his costumed rear end high in the air, his nose low to the sidewalk as he very cautiously guided the fragile egg to its destination!

Dickerson's hobbies are hunting, fishing and baseball; he counts among his most thrilling experiences, hitting a home run and killing a buck deer. When he was growing up his fondest dream was to become a professional baseball player. The one thing he didn't particularly like was working in the tobacco field; when he was only five years of age he gave some thought to running away from home just so he wouldn't have to work in the tobacco patch any more! Despite his early dislike for such work he has grown a crop of tobacco ever since he has been old enough.

Raymond and his wife, the former Nancy Martin are the parents of two sons, Keith, 14, and Bryan, 6. I'm sure he would be an understanding parent if, (maybe I should say when!) his boys get into a fight at school or at home. By his own admission, Raymond was devilish at school and managed to get into a fight with someone every day! At least one perfect record at school --- not a day without a fight!

Raymond acquired the nickname, "Watermelon Man" because each year he and his family invite family and friends to a watermelon feast at their home. The melons served are grown on the Dickerson farm from seed that have been in their family for 50 years.

Raymond, an outgoing, friendly person, learned at a very early age the importance of having a good rapport with his fellowman. His father told him, "Always speak to people, it doesn't cost anything." Raymond said, "He's right too! When you are friendly, people are friendly in return."

Raymond is indeed proud to be living in the Pamplin Area; he said, "it may be just a small town but it has a big story to tell through its pipes, one of the oldest industries in the United States."

It was in 1966 that the book, "The Story of The Pamplin Clay Pipes", had its beginning. Regardless of how many miles Raymond traveled from 1966 until June of 1977 when the book was published, the roads always led back to Pamplin. So Raymond began to talk and to take notes, getting together the facts about pipe making in the Pamplin factory and about those pipes made by hand in some of the Pamplin homes.

One day before publication of this book, Raymond went to see the owner of the factory; he explained he wanted permission to take some pictures. During the conversation the man said, "why don't you buy that place, then you can do whatever you want with it." Raymond did just that!

The origin of the clay pipes made at Pamplin is somewhat legendary. It is said that the Indians taught the white man how to make the first bowl-type pipe from his own pipe, known to us as the Powhatan Peace Pipe. This pipe is on display at historic Williamsburg, Va.

The clay, from which the pipes were made, basically brown or yellow, was taken from the Hixburg and the Evergreen communities in Appomattox County and some areas in surrounding counties. Red dirt was mixed with the clay to give color. We know that it was prior to the year 1880 that a Pipe Factory was built in the town of Pamplin and operation of this plant is believed to have been from approximately 1878 to 1892. The first superintendent was William Merril from Akron, Ohio. The factory made pipes were made from Virginia red and white clay from Kentucky and Ohio. The factory, destroyed along with most of the town of Pamplin by fire in 1909 was restored between 1897 and 1920. Fire again took its toll in 1928. It was again restored but finally in 1950 high wages and wage laws forced the factory out of business.

In Dickerson's book there are pictured approximately 63 different pipe designs. One of those I find most interesting is a ladies pipe believed to be called "The Ladies Leg". It is a small pipe, small enough in fact that when the lady finished her smoke, she could easily hide her pipe in her bosom until it was needed again and no one would be the wiser!

With the completion of the book, other ideas began to take form in Dickerson's mind. Why not a museum of some sort? Why not, he thought learn the long lost art of pipe making by hand? As the ideas became more clearly etched on his mind, Dickerson began to make plans.

In the not too distant future he hopes to have a combination Museum, Auction Barn in the restored Pamplin Pipe Factory Building. He has, indeed, learned the art of making pipes and does include in future plans demonstrations for the public.

Wouldn't it be something special if, in the future, the Pamplin Pipe Factory could be listed on the National Register of Historical Places in Virginia. I hope that, as you read his book, you will, like Raymond, feel the intense desire to preserve what we can of history in our county so that future generations will grow in knowledge of this county of which we are justly proud.

### CENTENARY CHURCH SPONSORS AUCTION

A fund raising auction sale will be held at Shorter's Grocery Store on Route 47 Saturday, October 1st beginning at 10:30 a.m. with proceeds going to the building fund of Centenary United Methodist Church in Madisonville.

Lunch will be served by the ladies of the church. Sale time will be donated by Francisco Auction Co., Rt. 3, Dillwyn.

Items for sale have been donated by various individuals and merchants.

## Mrs. Evans Participated in Communications Workshop

Mrs. T. DeWitt Evans, County Chairman-elect, Virginia Extension Homemakers Council, participated in a communications workshop in Salem, Va., on Sept. 20-21. Mrs. Jean Beard of Harrisonburg, President of VEHC, presided, assisted by President-elect Mrs. Dutch Morgan of Salem.

Focus of the two-day session was on increasing membership by improved communication and by increased public awareness. These points were the message of Mrs. Esther Clark, Eastern, Maryland, who is Eastern Director for National Extension Homemakers Council. She suggested various types of membership, including associated members and affiliated members. In addition, she pointed out the need to appeal to young homemakers, handicapped homemakers and couples. Possibilities for expansion are numerous.

As a follow-up, Mrs. Linda VanPelt, VEHC membership chairman, discussed the responsibility of every Extension Homemaker to bring new members into her own club. She presented concrete suggestions for accomplishing this.

Dr. Del Dyer, VPI & SU Extension Specialist, Community Resource Development, conducted a three-hour workshop with the purpose of "Getting People on the Move." He led participants to consider such questions as these: Do we have our mission clearly in mind? Do we live the Homemakers Creed every day? Are our goals believable and achievable? Have we chosen the right methods for gathering and sharing information? Is our timing right when we introduce a new idea? Do we relate new ideas to what we are already doing? Do we have problems with our own motivation? Do we need leadership skills or organizational skills? Are we learning to work together?

Group sessions for reflecton on these questions and discussion of their relevancy to membership provided opportunities for sharing and planning.

Extension Homemakers foster the highest ideals of home, church, school, and public life. They consider it their duty to reach out in service to their communities. In an effort to be informed on current issues, the Council invited Dr. Janet Johnson, a former faculty member at VPI & SU and now a full time homemaker, to discuss the pro's and con's of ERA. Dr. Johnson gave an overview designed to prepare homemakers to consider the question without bias. In addition, material pertaining to the Virginia Bond Referendums was made available to participants.

The closing session "Gems From the Treasure Chest" provided a personal memento and thought for each delegate to take home.

The Fall Conference, based on Family Life, will be held at Natural Bridge, Nov. 1-3 with the theme, "Happiness is Sharing New Horizons."

Spanking children as a form of discipline may not be effective, Virginia Tech Extension Specialists said, because children who have been spanked can feel that they have paid for their misbehavior and are now free to misbehave again. The spanking can relieve the child of guilt feelings which are needed to prevent future misbehavior.

## STONEWALL

Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. Mark 16:15.

Mrs. Dancey McCraw is in Lynchburg General Hospital with a broken ankle. They put a pin in last Friday so she may soon be coming home.

Mr. Hugh Braford is in McGuire Hospital in Richmond, he has a blood clot in lungs. Pray he may soon be better.

Mrs. Cris Gallier is very ill and well soon be on her way to Seattle, Washington for an operation. We are asking the prayers of all, for her recovery.

Sunday Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler had as their dinner guest, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. John Marconi and three children all from Richmond.

Mrs. Hugh Braford and mother, Mrs. Milmer Burnett went to Richmond Saturday to be near Hugh for the week end.

All the sick folks in the neighborhood are doing fine.

Mr. Watts Moore had a heart attack early Sunday morning and was rushed to the hospital. Pray for his recovery soon.

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler attended the golden anniversary Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. Davis Smith in Lynchburg at West End Baptist Church. Also Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Carson.

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